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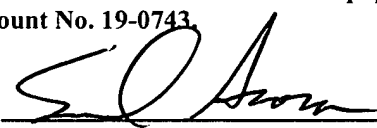
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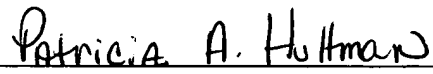
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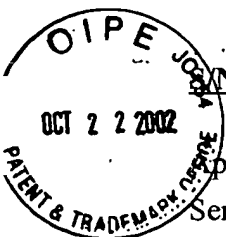

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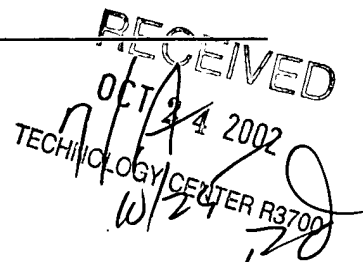
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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In response to the Restriction Requirement dated September 27, 2002, Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, to prosecute the system claims of Group I (claims 1-25 and 32-36). Applicant cancels method claims 26-31 (Group II) without prejudice or disclaimer, and reserves the right to prosecute such cancelled claims in one or more divisional applications at a later date.

The Restriction Requirement also requests election between the following species: (A) MR imaging device; and (B) CT imaging device. Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, Species A, drawn to an MR imaging device. The Restriction Requirement notes that all claims except claims 3-6, 28, and 33 are generic to both species. Accordingly, Applicant cancels claim 6, drawn to a CT imaging device, without prejudice or disclaimer, and reserves the right to prosecute such cancelled claims in one or more divisional applications at a later date. Moreover, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reintroduce claim 6 should a generic claim be found allowable.

The Restriction Requirement also requests election between the species of Figures 4-11, respectively. Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, the species illustrated in Figures 4 and 5 (Applicant notes that Figure 5 shows one operative example of the device illustrated in Figure 4). The Restriction Requirement notes that claims 1-14 and 24-36 are generic to the species of Figures 4-11, respectively. Accordingly, Applicant cancels claims 15 and 20-23 without prejudice or disclaimer; Applicant reserves the right to prosecute such cancelled claims in one or more divisional applications at a later date. Moreover, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reintroduce these cancelled claims should a generic claim be found allowable.

In sum, claims 6, 15, 20-23, and 26-31 are hereby cancelled, such that claims 1-5, 7-14, 16-19, 24-25, and 32-36 remain pending in this case.

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's Representatives at the below-listed telephone number if there are any questions regarding this Response or if prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby.

Respectfully submitted,

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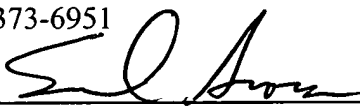
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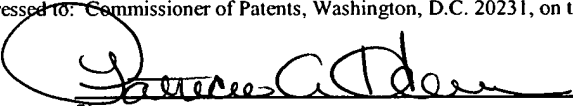
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